



Milwaukee County

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SUP. SANFELIPPO CALLS ON COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO VETO REDISTRICTING PLAN

Plan was adopted without time for adequate public input

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Joe Sanfelippo released the following statement regarding the redistricting plan adopted by the County Board of Supervisors last week:

“If you like high-speed rail, you will love the lightning-fast railroad job that rolled over Milwaukee County residents last Thursday when the County Board voted to approve a redistricting plan calling for 18 supervisory districts.

“Despite 30 days still remaining before the mandatory due date, the Board advanced a redistricting plan that was only made available to the public less than 7 days prior to taking action. Adding insult to injury, two of the three alternative plans put forth by Supervisors were in the public eye for less than 24 hours.

“In its zeal to purposefully draw new boundary lines that protect some incumbents while harming others, the Board deliberately and needlessly cut off public debate and disenfranchised the very people we are supposed to be working for: the citizens of Milwaukee County.

“By failing to seriously consider public calls for real downsizing, and by ignoring pleas from organizations such as the NAACP, ACLU and others to allow more time for a proper evaluation of each plan, the Board has accentuated a brazen indifference to the will of the people and put its own interests above those of the community it serves.

“I urge incoming County Executive Chris Abele to veto this plan as his first official act after being sworn in, and I encourage the Board to then give the public adequate time to weigh in on this important issue.”

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